

Proviso.
Cost distributed
among lands benefited.

Reimbursement of
charge against Indian
lands.

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required of private
owners of benefited
lands.

Public notice of cost
and assessment against
benefited lands.

Installment pay-
ments.

Rule, etc., to be pre-
scribed.

approximately four thousand acres of lands in Indian and private ownership within and immediately adjacent to the Lummi Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington: *Provided*, That the total cost of the project shall be distributed equitably among the lands in Indian ownership and the lands in private ownership that may be benefited in accordance with the benefits received as designated by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. The construction charge properly assessable against the Indian lands shall be reimbursed to the Treasury of the United States under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and there is hereby created a lien against all such lands, which lien shall be recited in any patent issued therefor, prior to the reimbursement of the total amount chargeable against such lands.

SEC. 3. No part of the sum provided for herein shall be expended for construction on account of any lands in private ownership until an appropriate repayment contract in accordance with the terms of this Act and in form approved by the Secretary of the Interior shall have been properly executed by the landowners whose lands may be benefited by the project.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to declare by public notice the cost of the project and the equitable share to be assessed against the lands benefited in accordance with their respective benefits, which cost shall be repaid in annual installments, the first installment to be 5 per centum of the total charge and be due and payable on the 1st day of December of the third year following the date of such public notice, the remainder of the said cost with interest on deferred amounts against land in private ownership from the date of said public notice to be 4 per centum per annum, to be payable on each December 1 thereafter, on the same basis as the first installment, until the obligation is paid in full.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect.

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CHAP. 61.—An Act To authorize the employment of consulting engineers on plans and specifications of the Coolidge Dam.

San Carlos Irrigation
project, Ariz.
Consulting engineers
for Coolidge Dam, au-
thorized.
Vol. 43, p. 475.
Post, p. 944.

Compensation, etc.,
limited.

Proviso.
Retired Army officer
may be employed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in carrying into effect the provisions of the Act of June 7, 1924 (Forty-third Statutes at Large, page 476), entitled "An Act for the continuance of construction work on the San Carlos Federal irrigation project in Arizona and for other purposes," the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his judgment and discretion, to employ for consultations on plans and specifications for the Coolidge Dam, as he may deem necessary, the services of not more than three experienced engineers, determined by him to have the necessary qualifications, without regard to civil service requirements, and at rates of compensation to be fixed by him for each respectively, but not to exceed \$50 per day and necessary traveling expenses including a per diem of not to exceed \$4 in lieu of subsistence for each engineer, respectively, not exceeding in the aggregate more than \$3,500 for any engineer so employed for the time employed and actually engaged upon such work: *Provided*, That a retired officer of the Army may be employed by the Secretary of the Interior as consulting engineer in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

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